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GROUP 2861  
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In re application of

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Naoto YAMADA

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For: IMAGE RECORDING APPARATUS AND METHOD

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

**REMARKS**

This Response, submitted in reply to the Office Action dated January 22, 2004, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-21 remain pending in the application. Claims 11-21 have been allowed. Claims 1-10 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1, 3 and 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Kato